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**PSC SEEKS COMMENTS BY APRIL 28 ON
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PLAN**

The deadline for filing comments with the state Public Service Commission concerning NorthWestern energy's electric default supply procurement plan is April 28. Comments should be mailed to the PSC, PO Box 202601, Helena MT 59620-2601, or comments may be filed electronically via the PSC's website at at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

NorthWestern Energy must procure electricity supply to meet the needs of its current and future customers. The purpose of the procurement plan is to demonstrate, consistent with statutory and PSC guidelines, how the company plans to meet its obligation. The NorthWestern Energy plan can be viewed at the offices of the PSC or the Montana Consumer Counsel, or on this NorthWestern-created website: www.montanaenergyforum.com/plan.html.

The PSC will hold a public hearing May 17 in Helena on the plan, which was submitted to the PSC last December. The hearing will be held at 9:30 am in the PSC's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue.

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